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SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS-DEMARCHE DELIVERED  
CONCERNING MALDIVES DRAFT RESOLUTION

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¶1. Poloff delivered reftel points to Mariana Salazar Albornoz, Area Director of International Policy on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Dr. Rodolfo Godinez Rosales, Director for the Environment under the General Direction of Global Themes, both of the Secretariat of Foreign Relations (SRE). Salazar was aware of the Human Rights Council meeting scheduled to discuss the Maldives' resolution on climate change and human rights. She took note of the US position but indicated that she would need to consult with Godinez Rosales (who did not provide a response) and advise Post of any decisions Mexico takes regarding this issue.

¶2. Comment: The GOM has been historically critical of U.S. climate change policy. It recognizes that Mexico is the 13th greatest greenhouse gas emitter in the world and is working to reduce its emissions of CO2. Given Mexico's role in contributing to large greenhouse gas emissions, post suspects that Mexico will likely vote against the Maldives' resolution in the Council. Post will continue to inform the Department of any insight SRE offers regarding its position on this issue. End Comment.

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